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Title:	OPTICAL CABLE EXIT TROUGH		

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

With respect to Document A, the Examiner's attention is directed to the entire document generally as it relates to optical fiber management systems for routing optical fibers between locations. Specifically, the Examiner's attention is directed to pages nos. 1, 3-8, 11, 19, 21, 23 and 25, for example. Documents B and C also relate to optical fiber management systems. With respect to Document B, the Examiner's attention is specifically directed to pages 3, 4, 8 and 9, for example. On page 8 of Document B, the upper two parts, the drop-off connector and the ramp-off, are used together. A cut out is made in a horizontal and linear duct with the tool on page 9, for adding the ramp-off and the drop-off connector. With respect to Document C, the submitted pages are not dated. However, the pages of Document C were

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known to the Applicants prior to the filing date of the above-identified patent application. Document C shows the retrofit drop-off with ramp-off in position on the horizontal and linear duct. For Document D, the Examiner's attention is directed to pages 1 and 4 showing downspouts and horizontal T's.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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